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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yasuhiro ISOGAI et al.
Title: PORPHYRIN COMPOUND CONTAINING BIOTINYL
GROUP AND USE THEREOF
Appl. No.: 10/553,834
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Examiner: Brian E. McDowell
Art Unit: 1624
Confirmation Number: 6295

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 16, 2008, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-8, 11, 13 and 14 for examination, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of non-elected claims.

Applicants now await an early and favorable action on the merits. Should Examiner McDowell feel that a discussion would advance this application, the Examiner is courteously invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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